

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL**

September 20, 2016

The City Council also sits as the Lemon Grove Housing Authority, Lemon Grove Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and Lemon Grove Successor Agency

Call to Order

Members present: Mayor Pro Tem George Gastil, Councilmember Jerry Jones, and Councilmember Racquel Vasquez.

Members absent: Mayor Mary Sessom.

City Staff present: Lydia Romero, City Manager, David DeVries, Development Services Director; Daryn Drum, Division Fire Chief; Miranda Evans, Assistant Planner; Tim Gabrielson, City Engineer; James P. Lough, City Attorney; Mike James, Public Works Director; Lt. May, Sheriff's Department; Gilbert Rojas, Interim Finance Director; and Laureen Ryan, Administrative Analyst.

Public Comment

John L. Wood commented on the American flag at the Toyota dealership.

Lani Stacks commented on the Lemon Grove Pet Store and on treatment of animals in pet stores.

1. Consent Calendar

A. Approval of City Council Minutes

September 6, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Ratification of Payment Demands

C. Waive Full Text Reading of All Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda

D. Award a Professional Services Agreement for Landscape Management Services to Aztec Landscaping, Incorporate

E. Preparation and Submittal of the Urban Rivers Grant Application

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to approve the Consent Calendar passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Gastil, Jones, Vasquez

Absent: Sessom, Mendoza

Resolution No. 2016-3463: Resolution of the [City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California] Awarding a Professional Services Agreement for Landscape Management Services to Aztec Landscaping, Incorporate

Resolution No. 2016-3464: Resolution of the Lemon Grove [City Council] Approving the Preparation and Submittal of the Urban Rivers Grant Application Under the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1)

Mayor Pro Tem Gastil moved item number 3 to be discussed prior to item number 2.

3. Next Generation Regional Communications System Agreement, First Amendment

Lydia Romero reported that the Regional Communications System partnership agreement was established in 1995. The original agreement expired on March 6, 2010 and was subsequently extended in 2010 and 2013. During the second extension period, a Committee was formed to research the region's communication needs and to work with consultants to develop requirements for the Next Generation Regional Communications System (NextGen RCS). The Committee then developed recommendations for cost apportionment and system governance and drafted the NextGen RCS Agreement.

The Committee included a city manager representative who reported updates at the city manager group's monthly meetings. Sue Willy, RCS Manager, also presented periodic updates at the monthly city manager meetings. The Lemon Grove City Council reviewed and approved the NextGen RCS Agreement in February 3, 2014.

The NextGen RCS 20-year agreement defines the terms and conditions of participation in the new system. The NextGen RCS infrastructure has two components: 1) the shared backbone infrastructure, including the equipment and services to deliver a P25 Trunked Voice Land Mobile Radio System, Microwave Transport Network, and Mutual Aid Conventional Radio System; and 2) the participating agencies' infrastructure, equipment and services to connect to the RCS, including agency-owned or leased connectivity, dispatch center equipment, and subscriber radios and ancillary devices. The NextGen RCS Agreement includes:

- Board of Directors – the new Agreement specifies that a city manager serves on the board.
- Cost Apportionment for NextGen System Shared Infrastructure – the new Agreement specifies the methodology used to apportion the shared costs among all parties to the Agreement. The cost apportionment is based on the total number of radios each agency operates on the RCS.
- Financing – the new Agreement indicates that the County will make available a finance mechanism for parties that choose to finance the infrastructure costs rather than pay the costs upfront. The financing opportunity will allow the City to spread its shared infrastructure costs over an estimated ten-year period.

The First Amendment to the NextGen RCS agreement amends the final system costs from the \$105 million estimated costs to the awarded contract costs of \$70,065,207 million. Also included is the final cost for each participating agency, including the cost to finance the agency's infrastructure costs.

Lemon Grove's share of the NextGen RCS system is \$422,106; the cost to finance the system over a 10-year period is \$48,954 per year. The interest rate to finance the system is 2.79%. If an agency chooses to pay the cost of its system share in full, payment must be made to the County of San Diego by September 30, 2016. Should an agency choose to finance the system, payment is due June 1st of each year. At any time an agency can pay their portion in full to retire the debt early.

The City's share of the NextGen RCS system was not included in the FY 16-17 Budget. At the time of the budget development these costs were unavailable. To remit Lemon Grove's full system cost of \$422,106 by the September 30th date, the City Council would need to allocate money from the reserve funds.

Financing the system allows staff to bring back the cost as a budget amendment after we have closed out the financials for FY 15-16.

Public Speaker(s)

There were no requests from the public to speak.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Vasquez, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Gastil, Jones, Vasquez
Absent: Sessom, Mendoza

Resolution No. 2016-3466: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California Authorizing the City of Lemon Grove to Enter into the Next Generation Regional Communications System Agreement, First Amendment and to Finance the System with the County of San Diego

Councilmember Jennifer Mendoza arrived at the meeting.

2. Short Term Concept for Connect Main Street Project from Broadway to Central Avenue And Professional Services Agreement With Michael Baker International For Construction Drawings Of Short Term Concept

David De Vries reported that on August 4, 2015, the City Council accepted the proposed project concept for the Connect Main Street project. During the public hearing, City Council members expressed concerns about closing Main Street at Broadway while the existing businesses on the southwest corner of Broadway and Main Street remained. The accepted short-term concept prohibits vehicular traffic northbound on Main Street to Broadway (buses only) and allows for no pedestrian movements across Main Street on the south side of Broadway.

The accepted mid-term concept prohibits all vehicular traffic north- and southbound on Main Street to Broadway (bus stop is relocated) and allows for shopping center vehicular traffic southbound on Main Street. Since the short- and mid-term concepts restrict vehicular access on Broadway, staff coordinated with KTU+A to revise the short-term plan allowing for vehicular traffic patterns to remain as-is and enhancing crosswalks and sidewalks within the corridor. The revised short term-plan creates a pedestrian bulb-out at the southwest corner Broadway and Main Street and new accessible curb ramps and crosswalks and expanded sidewalks within the corridor. The sidewalks are proposed to be colored an earthen tone to reflect the early pioneer period. No significant changes are proposed to the long-term concept.

If the City Council accepts the revised short-term concept, then staff recommends that the \$279,500 of awarded Housing-Related Parks Program grant funds be used for full construction drawings and improvements of the revised short-term Connect Main Street project plan from Broadway to Central Avenue. Since Michael Baker International completed the 30% construction drawings for the Connect Main Street project, staff recommends that they prepare the full construction drawings for this segment. A request for proposal is not required since they prepared the 30% drawings and are exceedingly familiar with the project. The Municipal Code allows the City Manager to waive the requirements for solicitation of multiple proposals if only one individual or firm can provide the professional services. As such, the total contract proposal amount is \$50,465. This includes design survey, final construction drawings, detailed construction scope and cost estimates for bidding, and detailed landscape, irrigation, lighting, and street amenity plans for the revised short-term concept. This is consistent with the City Council's direction to focus construction efforts within the Connect Main Street project area on basic pedestrian improvements first.

Public Speaker(s)

Michael Summers commented vandalism in other parks and suggested measures are in place to prevent possible vandalism with the project.

Alice Jefferson had comments about the project's process and the finished project design.

Mike Richards commented on project's design and suggested a wooden look for one of the walkways along with lighting that will remain on in case of a power outage.

Action: Motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Mendoza, to adopt the resolution passed, by the following vote:

Ayes: Gastil, Jones, Mendoza, Vasquez

Absent: Sessom

Resolution No. 2016-3465: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove Approving the Design Contract for Engineering and Landscape Architecture Services for the Connect Main Street Phase I Improvement Project

City Council Oral Comments and Reports on Meetings Attended at the Expense of the City. (GC 53232.3 (d))

Councilmember Jones attended City of San Diego Oversight Board meetings.

Councilmember Mendoza attended the League of California Cities monthly meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Gastil attended a recent MTS meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Vasquez attended a City/County Reinvestment Task Force meeting.

City Manager and Department Director Reports

Lydia Romero reported that Laureen Ryan, Administrative Analyst, has resigned and accepted a position in the City of Carlsbad.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Housing Authority, Sanitation District Board, Lemon Grove Roadway Lighting District Board, and the Lemon Grove Successor Agency the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Susan Garcia
Susan Garcia, City Clerk